SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Related Applications section of the Specification as follows.

The present application is related to:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/822,970, filed March 29, 2001, titled "Open Air Optical Channel," Attorney Docket No. 042390.P10694, now U.S. Patent No. 6,771,845, issued August 3, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/885,394 , filed June 19, 2001, titled "Multiphase Encoded Protocol and Synchronization of Buses," Attorney Docket No. 042390.P11014 now U.S. Patent No. 6,996,632, issued February 7, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/908,273, filed July 17, 2001, titled "Network Fabric Processing," Attorney Docket No. 042390.P11374;

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____, titled "Fault-Tolerant Optical Plane," Attorney Docket No. 042390._____; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/908,259, filed July 17, 2001, titled "Extensible Fabric Protocol Bus," Attorney Docket No. 042390. [[_____]] P12172, now U.S. Patent No. 6,853,620, issued February 8, 2005.

Please amend page 5, lines 23-24 as follows.

Figure 10 is a graphical representation illustrating an example of ten decoded seven-phase bit fields according to embodiments of the present invention.[[.]]